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FRAZIER PARK, CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED TO 11-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR RECEIVING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ALAN CARL NICOLL, 60, of Frazier Park, California was sentenced by United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii for receiving and possessing images of child pornography. The sentence imposed includes a prison term of 132 months to be followed by a term of supervised release of 20 years during which the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender, and his access to minors, computers, and the Internet will be restricted.

The case was the result of an investigation by the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Bakersfield, California with assistance from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

According to David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, the California Department of Fish and Game and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department began investigating the defendant after he was apprehended in a vehicle parked along side a road in Ventura County possessing images of child pornography. Due to his residing in Frazier Park, Kern County Sheriff's Department investigators were contacted, who then obtained a search warrant for the defendant's residence. When they executed the warrant they recovered three computers that were subjected to a forensic analysis. More than 1,400 still and video images of the sexual exploitation of minors were recovered. Many of the images were of children as young as two years of age, and many depicted images of violence or sadistic or masochistic conduct. Investigators also recovered numerous stories describing the sexual abuse of children as well as many writings, in the form of stories and a diary, by the defendant indicating his sexual interest in young children.

NICOLL has been in custody, as a danger to the community and a flight risk, since his arrest on October 26, 2006.

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